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Docket No. 013.0226.US.UTL

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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, and 43-56 are pending. Claims 48 and 52 have been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 8, 14, 15, 21, 28, 36, 46, 47, 50, 51, and 53-56 have been amended. No new matter has been entered.

5 Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, 43-47, and 49-56 remain.

The amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal and may be admitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(2).

Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, and 43-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

10 Claims 15 and 16 were previously canceled. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite clusters stored in a storage to represent concepts and terms extracted from a set of documents and no longer recite "multi-dimensional data" or "a two-dimensional visual display area of the memory." Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on page 6, lines 23-25. Claims 28

15 and 36 have been amended to recite clusters in a storage and no longer recite "multi-dimensional data in a memory" or "a two-dimensional visual display area of the memory." Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on page 6, lines 13-15 and 23-25. The remaining dependent claims have been amended in similar fashion. As the written description requirement is met,

20 withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, and 43-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 15 and 16 were previously canceled. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to respectively recite a placement module to place the set of the stored

25 clusters into a grouping and placing the set of the stored clusters into a grouping. The amendments clarify that "set" is used as a noun and that "to place" and "placing" both refer to placing the set of clusters into a grouping. Support for the amendment can be found in the specification on page 7, lines 5-8 and page 12, lines 11-18. Claims 28 and 36 have been amended to respectively recite a

30 placement module to place the clusters into a grouping and placing the clusters

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into a grouping. Support for the amendments can also be found in the specification on page 7, lines 5-8 and page 12, lines 11-18. As the claims are definite, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is requested.

5 Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, and 43-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

 Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to respectively recite a display and visualization module to display the grouping via a display and displaying the grouping via a display. Claims 28 and 36 have been amended to respectively
10 recite a display and visualization module to display the clusters via a display and displaying the clusters via a display. The amendments clarify that the clusters are actually displayed.

 The foregoing amendments to the *claims* and, in particular, the limitation of “display” are supported by the application as filed. No new matter has been
15 introduced. Support can be found on page 1, lines 13-14; page 6, lines 11-12; page 7, lines 5-10 and page 12, lines 25-28, and page 14, line 25-page 15, line 11. The abstract, specification, and drawings have not been amended. If an applicant amends or attempts to amend the abstract, specification or drawings of an application, an issue of new matter will arise if the content of the amendment is
20 not described in the application as filed. MPEP 2163.06. Thus, no issue of new matter is presented.

 In addition, no issue of indefiniteness is presented. The essential inquiry pertaining to the requirement for definiteness of claim language under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is whether the claims set out and circumscribe a particular
25 subject matter with a reasonable degree of clarity and particularity. MPEP 2173.02. A “display” finds literal support in the specification and is clear and particular as to the subject matter circumscribed. The specification’s term “and the like” is not sufficient reason to render the claims indefinite. If a description or the enabling disclosure of a specification is not commensurate in scope with the
30 subject matter encompassed by a claim, that fact alone does not render the claim

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imprecise or indefinite or otherwise not in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112,
second paragraph. MPEP 2174. Thus, no issue of indefiniteness is presented.

As the claims recite statutory subject matter, withdrawal of the rejection
under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is requested.

5 Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 15, 18, 21-24, 27-33, 35-41, 43-47, and 49-56 are
believed to be in a condition for allowance. Entry of the foregoing amendments
and continued examination are respectfully requested and a Notice of Allowance
is earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding
any questions or concerns associated with the present matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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